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Sentence Structure #5

DIRECTIONS: Below are sentences similar to those found in revising and editing passages on the STAAR test. Mark any mistake you find as you read over these..

1. My family and I went to the Fourth of July celebration in downtown Beaumont, there was a barrage of fireworks that culminated the spectacular show over the water.
 2. Sometimes people will gloat over their accomplishments they'll also tell you more than you probably want to hear about their successes.
 3. Mahatma Gandhi, the leader in the quest for India's independence, was a pacifist he used nonviolence to bring about civil rights for his people and inspired people around the world.
 4. An ATV, all-terrain vehicle, is designed to travel over a wide range of terrain. Spinning through mud, scrambling over rocks, or bogging down in sand, a fun outdoor activity for many people.
 5. Lost in the desert and unable to find water, the traveler began to hallucinate; what he thought was an oasis was only an illusion.
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MORE DIRECTIONS:

On the 2013 STAAR test, 6 questions out of 39 expected students to be able to recognize and eliminate answer choices that had fragments or run-on errors in them.

Remember- this is a revising and editing test, so look for mistakes such as run-on sentences and fragments. Your job is to find the best sentence, so identify why you did not choose three of the sentences.

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STAAR-Like Questions

____ **1.** What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 1?

- A.** My family and I went to the Fourth of July celebration in downtown Beaumont, which was a barrage of fireworks that culminated the spectacular show over the water.
- B.** My family and I went to the Fourth of July celebration in downtown Beaumont. With a barrage of fireworks culminating the spectacular show over the water.
- C.** My family and I went to the Fourth of July celebration in downtown Beaumont; there was a barrage of fireworks that culminated the spectacular show over the water.
- D.** *Sentence 1 does not need to be revised.

*On the real test, this sentence would be in a passage where each sentence is numbered. On this sheet, the sentence is on the first page. You must go back and look at that sentence just like you would do on the actual STAAR test.

____ **2.** What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 2?

- A.** Sometimes people will gloat over their accomplishments. And also tell you more than you probably want to hear about their successes.
- B.** Sometimes people will gloat over their accomplishments, telling you more than you probably want to hear about their successes.
- C.** Sometimes people who gloat over their accomplishments. They'll also tell you more than you probably want to hear about their successes.
- D.** Sentence 2 does not need to be revised.

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_____ 3. What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 3?

- A. Mahatma Gandhi, the leader in the quest for India's independence, was a pacifist, he used nonviolence to bring about civil rights for his people and inspired people around the world.
- B. Mahatma Gandhi, the leader in the quest for India's independence, was a pacifist, and he used nonviolence to bring about civil rights for his people and inspired people around the world.
- C. Mahatma Gandhi, the leader in the quest for India's independence, was a pacifist who used nonviolence to bring about civil rights for his people and inspired people around the world.
- D. Sentence 3 does not need to be revised.

_____ 4. What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 4?

- A. An ATV, all-terrain vehicle, is designed to travel over a wide range of terrain. Spinning through mud, scrambling over rocks, or bogging down in sand is a fun outdoor activity for many people.
- B. An ATV, a vehicle spinning through mud, scrambling over rocks, or bogging down in sand and is designed to travel over a wide range of terrain. It is a fun outdoor activity for many people.
- C. Spinning through mud, scrambling over rocks, or bogging down in sand is a fun outdoor activity for many people who are designed to travel over a wide range of terrain in an ATV, all terrain vehicle.
- D. Sentence 4 does not need to be revised.

_____ 5. What is the BEST revision to make in sentence 5?

- A. Lost in the desert and unable to find water, the traveler began to hallucinate what he thought was an oasis was only an illusion.
- B. Lost in the desert and unable to find water. The traveler began to hallucinate. He thought an oasis was an illusion.
- C. Lost in the desert and unable to find water, the traveler began to hallucinate, what he thought was an oasis and an illusion.
- D. Sentence 5 does not need to be revised.